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 SIGNALS OVER BUSES AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
 PRODUCT THEREFORE

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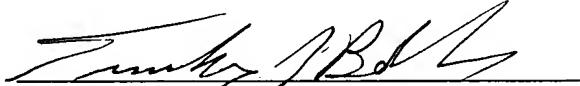
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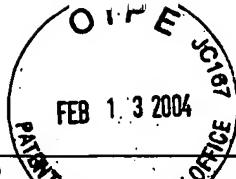
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